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IN THE CLAIMS

1-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented): A method of processing a financial instrument at a self-service terminal having an endorser in an endorsing zone of the self-service terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

moving a door from an open position to a closed position to cover an opening through which a printhead of the endorser can move to print an endorsement onto the financial instrument so as to prevent the financial instrument from jamming into the printhead when the financial instrument is being transported into the endorsing zone of the self-service terminal;

transporting the financial instrument to the endorsing zone of the self-service terminal; and

moving the door from the closed position back to the open position to uncover the opening to allow the printhead of the endorser to move through the opening to print an endorsement onto the financial instrument when the financial instrument is in the endorsing zone.

12. (original): A method according to claim 11, wherein the financial instrument comprises a cheque.

13. (previously presented): A method of operating a self-service terminal having an endorser in an endorsing zone of the self-service terminal to prevent a document from being jammed against a printhead of the endorser as the document moves along a document transport path past the endorser in the endorsing zone, the method comprising:

moving a member from a first position to a second position in which the member blocks the printhead and a document moving along the document transport path past the endorser in the endorsing zone from contacting each other; and

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moving the member from the second position back to the first position in which the printhead is able to move towards a document moving along the document transport path past the endorser in the endorsing zone to print an endorsement onto the document.

14. (previously presented): A method comprising:

receiving a first check from a first customer depositing the first check at an automated teller machine (ATM);

transporting the first check received from the first customer to an endorsing zone of the ATM;

uncovering an opening in the endorsing zone of the ATM to allow a printhead of an endorser to move through the opening to print an endorsement onto the first check when the first check is in the endorsing zone of the ATM;

transporting the first check with the endorsement thereon away from the endorsing zone of the ATM;

receiving a second check from a second customer depositing the second check at the ATM;

transporting the second check received from the second customer to the endorsing zone of the ATM; and

covering the opening to prevent the second check received from the second customer and being transported to the endorsing zone of the ATM from jamming into the printhead of the endorser when the first check with the endorsement thereon is transported away from the endorsing zone.